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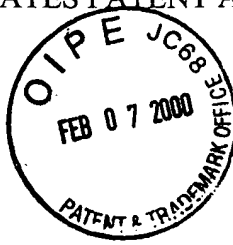
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 1999, having a period for response set to expire January 6, 2000. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time is being submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 6, 2000. February 6, 2000 falls on a Sunday; therefore, the present Amendment is timely filed on February 7, 2000. The following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted, and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (AMENDED) A computer network system in which plural connecting means capable of connecting and disconnecting a computer is provided in a network circuit to which a first computer has been connected, and a second computer is connected to one of said connecting means, wherein

said first computer comprises resource information managing means for managing